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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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# FEE FOR CLAIMS

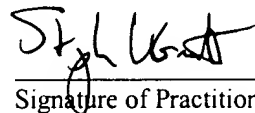
4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This letter is responsive to the restriction requirement of 26 March 2002, so no extension fees are required. No claim amendments are made, so no fees for excess claims are required.

**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend Paragraph [0058] of the specification as follows:

[0058] The embodiments of Figures 11a and 11b [7a and 7b] involve a completely closed structure while the embodiments of Figures 11c and 11d [7c and 7d] have two outer bars 40 and 50 which in themselves do not afford a closed structure but which by virtue of a connecting bar 60 also form closed element areas or a closed cell-shaped unit.

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